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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: DAILY SUMMARY #38

1. SUMMARY: MONDAY WAS LIGHT DAY WITH NEGOTIATING
ACTIVITY LIMITED TO MORNING SESSIONS OF CHAIRMEN'S
AND LEGAL WORKING GROUPS. LEGAL GROUP TREADED WATER AWAITING
WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS ON CRIMINAL JURISDICTION, CLAIMS,
APPLICATION OF PHILIPPINE LAW AND IMMIGRATION. CHAIRMEN'S
GROUP MOVED CLOSER TO AGREED WORDING OF ISSUES REQUIRING
POLITICAL DECISION. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMEN'S WORKING GROUP MET IN MORNING OF AUGUST 16
AND AGREED UPON WORDING OF TWENTY-FIVE ISSUES WHICH APPEAR
TO REQUIRE POLITICAL DECISIONS TO RESOLVE. ROMUALDEZ
UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN PHILIPPINE PANEL AGREEMENT TO THIS
WORDING IN AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 16. GROUP IS SCHEDULED
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TO MEET AGAIN MORNING AUGUST 17. TWENTY-FIVE ISSUES

WILL BE PROVIDED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHEN FINALIZED.

3. LEGAL. PURSUANT TO STATE 201979, US REPS INFORMED RP REPS THAT PROVISIONS FOR TRIAL BY CIVILIAN COURTS COULD NOT BE CONTAINED IN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES BUT MUST BE TREATED IN THE AGREEMENT ITSELF. THEY REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A POLITICAL ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY AND PREFERRED NOT TO FURTHER DISCUSS IT AT THE PRESENT TIME. WORKING GROUP THEN REVIEWED AND REFINED OFFICIAL DUTY PROCEDURES. RP REPS STATED THAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO USE THE TERM "MILITARY" DUTY IN LIEU OF "OFFICIAL" DUTY AS THE LATTER TERM CARRIED TOO MUCH EMOTIONAL AND HISTORICAL CONTENT IN THE PHILIPPINES. MENDOZA STATED THAT HE HOPED THAT WORKING GROUP COULD FINALIZE AD REFERENDUM CLAIMS, ASYLUM, APPLICATION OF PHIL LAW, IMMIGRATION AND HOPEFULLY CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IN NEAR FUTURE AS HE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, AND IF THESE SUBJECTS WERE NOT AGREED UPON IN THE WORKING GROUP BEFORE HE DEPARTED, FUNCTIONAIRES WOULD TAKE OVER AND MIGHT CAUSE ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTIES. US REP FUNCTIONAIRES SHARE MENDOZA'S HOPE FOR IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. NOTHING IN THE LEGAL AREA WILL BE AGREED TO AFTER MENDOZA LEAVES.
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